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CHEROKEE, FOR HARTMAN AND GERARD SMITH

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PARM, MNUC, FR, SA

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR TEST ISSUE

1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON
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MATTER. -

B. WE AGREE THAT CANADA NEED NOT BE ASKED TO JOIN IN AN
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FURTHER WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ASSOCIATE THE IAEA
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C. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD ASK
THE BRITISH TO JOIN US AT THIS TIME. THEY ARE VERY MUCH

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D. BECAUSE OF THE STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS MAY
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